



# **Naval Station Ingleside**

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## **USS Chief welcomes new CO**



Command of Mine Countermeasures Crew Fearless, serving aboard USS Chief (MCM 14), changed hands, June 10, when LCDR Warren Buller II turned over command to LCDR M. Scott Sciretta.

Sciretta's most recent assignment was as surface placement, surface junior officer sea coordinator and assistant surface captain assignment officer at Navy Personnel Command. His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, and various campaign, expeditionary and unit awards.

Buller became commanding officer of USS Champion (MCM 4) in May 2003, subsequently deploying as commanding officer of MCM Crew Fearless aboard USS Dextrous (MCM 13) as part of the Crew Swap initiative in August 2004. Buller has three Navy Commendation Medals, four Navy Achievement Medals, a Navy Good Conduct Medal, and various campaign, expeditionary and unit awards.

Buller's next duty assignment will be Commander, Mine Countermeasures Division 31, in Bahrain.

USS Chief is the final ship in the Avenger Class of mine countermeasures ships with a mission of hunting, neutralizing and sweeping underwater mines anywhere in the world in support of U.S. interests. The ship is homeported at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas.